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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

Human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its decision 1995/111, of 24 August 1995, the Sub-Commission decided to request the Special Rapporteur on the human rights dimensions of population transfer, including the implantation of settlers and settlements, Mr. Awn Al-Khasawneh, to submit his final report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-eighth session.

2. In its resolution 1993/34, the Sub-Commission invited the Commission on Human Rights to request the Secretary-General to organize a multidisciplinary expert seminar prior to the preparation of the final report, in order to formulate appropriate final conclusions and recommendations. The Commission on Human Rights in its decision 1994/102, endorsed that invitation to request the Secretary-General to organize such a seminar.

3. The Secretary-General has not been in a position to give effect to the request made by the Sub-Commission in its resolution 1993/34, for reasons beyond the control of the Secretariat, including the severe financial constraints of the Organization.

4. By letter dated 26 July 1996, the Special Rapporteur informed the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights that, because the seminar had not taken place, he was not in a position to submit his final report as requested by the Sub-Commission. He indicated, however, that he would be willing to submit his final report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-ninth session, provided the necessary conditions to do so existed.

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